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REQUIREMENTS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121

As required under 37 C.F.R. 1.121, and pursuant to the present Amendment, a clean version of the amended paragraph of the Specification is as follows:

On Page 12, the third paragraph should read as follows:

An exemplary star schema is illustrated in FIG. 17A for suppliers (the "Supplier" dimension) and parts (the "Parts" dimension) over time periods (the "Time-Period" dimension). It includes a central fact table "Supplied-Parts" that relates to multiple dimensions - the "Supplier", "Parts" and "Time-Period" dimensions. A central fact table and a dimension table for each dimension in the logical schema of FIG. 17A may be used to implement this logical schema. A given dimension table stores rows (instances) of the dimension defined in the logical schema. Each row within the central fact table includes a multi-part key associated with a set of facts (in this example, a number representing a quantity). The multi-part key of a given row (values stored in the S#,P#,TP# fields as shown) points to rows (instances) stored in the dimension tables described above. A more detailed description of star schemas and the tables used to implement star schemas may be found in C.J. Date, "An Introduction to Database Systems," Seventh Edition, Addison-Wesley, 2000, pp. 711-715, herein incorporated by reference in its entirety.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies in the present Application to Deposit Account 16-1340.

Respectfully submitted,

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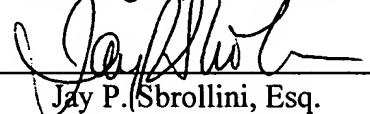


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